Foreign Ministry has complained of the procedural delays in implementation of japan aided projects;

(b) if so, the reaction of government thereto;

(c) the details of such projects

(d) the reasons for the delay in implementation of these projects;

(e) the action taken by government to cut down the procedural delays; and

(f) whether Government propose to apply the cut down delays procedure to other projects also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER IC. ALAGH): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Accelerating the Economic Growth

2022. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economy of the country is in the grip of recession;

(b) if not, the growth of G.D.P. in agriculture, industrial production and exports during 1995-96 and during the first nine months of 1996-97;

(c) what are the reasons for slowdown in the economic activities; and

(d) how Government propose to accelerate the economic growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMANTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The rates of growth of Gross Domestic Production (GDP), index of agricultural and industrial production, manufacturing output and exports at U.S. dollar terms for 1995-96 and for latest available estimates of 1996-97, given in the enclosed statement, are not indicative of slowdown of economic activities.

Statement

GROWTH RATES

(per cent)

		1995-96	1996-97
1.	Gross Domestic Product (at 1980-81 prices)	7.1	6.8
2.	Agricultural Production (Index 1981-82=100)	—0.4	3.0
3.	Industrial Production (Index 1980-81=100)	11.7	9.8
3a.	Manufacturing Sector	13.0	12.1
4.	Exports (U.S. Dollar)	20.8	6.4

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